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PRESIDENT IN SPEECH TODAY TO CONGRESS WILL SAY BREAK MAY NOT BRING ON WAR IF GERMANY RESCINDS ITS U-BOAT ORDERS

HALF BILLION LOAN BILL PUT UP TO SENATE

Authorizing Huge Bond Issue for Military.

Thomas Introduces Measure

BUT ACTION IS WITHHELD

Legislators Do Not Feel Money Should Be Appropriated Till Asked.

Feeling that the nation is on the brink of war by reason of the severance of diplomatic relations with Germany was strongly reflected in the Senate today.

Senator Thomas of Colorado introduced a measure authorizing the issue of \$500,000,000 in bonds to enable the Government to put the country in a state of military and naval pre-

General Sentiment.

While Senate leaders denied they were ready to authorize huge expenditures at this time unless the President asked for them, the action of Senator Thomas points clearly to the fact that there is general sentiment in favor of geting the nation ready for war if complications continue to

get worse.
Senator Tillman offered a resolution Senator Tillman offered a resolution of inquiry, which was adopted, asking Secretary Daniels for information as to what had been done to equip navy yards under the \$6,000,000 appropriation made at the last session for the purpose of getting the navy yards ready for warship construction. Williams Interfered.

When Senator Shafroth of Colorado sought to get unanimous consent for a night session Monday night to consider the Porto Rican bill, Senator John Sharp Williams brusquely objected, and said he would oppose any In turn it was shown Curtis and action under present conditions that Company wired Hutton and Company might interfere with the consideration of such important legislation as

News that the Administration had broken relations with Germany spread quickly at the Capitol this morning and spread a pall of depression over the House and Senate.

Did Not Astonish. urprisce and consternation might have been caused had there been no forewarning. But the coming of the

event had been so long heralded that it did not astonish. Rather, it caused a feeling of gloom and apprehension as men looked for ward to the future and reflected (Continued on Eleventh Page.)

ST. LOUIS WILL NOT SAIL

Liner Will Be Held In Port Waiting Developments.

NEW YORK, Feb 3 .- The American liner St. Louis will not sail for Liverpool at noon today as scheduled. Tugging at her hawsers, the Si Louis, was held awaiting orders all morning to determine whether she

would take to the open sea in defiance of Germany's threat to sink ships on sight regardless of their nationality. Attorney Nest, of the American Line

Attorney Next, of the American American Steamachip Company, called on Secretary Lansing today, and on leaving an conference, but was told by Albert nounced that the salling of the steamer would be indefinitely postponed. Mr. W. Fox, a New York newspaperman, that an important announcement was would be indefinitely postponed. Mr. Neal was careful to say that this an-nouncement was not based on any offi-cial advice from the department, but on the basis of the serious development \$25 a month from his two Chicago

said officials of the company in New York in announcing cancellation of the steamer's departure today had planned tentatively to let the vessel sail tomorrow. All plans, however, he said, were indefinitely postponed.

NEW YORK, Feb. 3. - Clearance Hellig Otav, of the Scandinavian line, which had been held up, were issued shortly before the custom house closed This does not mean necessar fly that either of the ships will sail.

PUT ON WAR BASIS

League Island Navy Yard Closed to Visitors.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 3-The League Island navy yard here was put on a way

bank today. After a day of feverish activity aboard the ships yesterday the gates of the yard were closed to all visitors, shore leaves were quickly countermanded, and triple guards placed at every entrance, while extra patrols were thrown about shops, warships, and streets.

Atlantic Coast Line Florida Augusta Cube South. rains daily. 1406 New York ave. N.W.

DIVINE GUIDANCE IN CRISIS IS ASKED.

The Rev. Henry N. Couden, blind chaplain of the House, made the first mention of the crisis in his prayer which opened the day's ses-

"Our Father in Heaven, we appeal to Thee with all the fervor of our souls for wisdom and guidance in the present crisis, that we may he permitted as a neutral nation to maintain peace with all the world.

"Guard our President and all his advisers, and all who have the nation's welfare at heart, to an amicable adjustment of all international questions that we may pursue our way with justice and equity to all in the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen."

PRICE TELLS OF NOTE TELEGRAMS

White House Reporter, Named by Lawson, Admits Sending Messages to Chicagoans.

Resuming the leak investigation here today, the House Rules Commit- tion of Bernstorff's recall has been tee questioned William W. Price, a given the Teutonic envoy, to discuss newspaper correspondent, stationed at the White House, and developed that he sent two telegrams to Chicago storff replied: brokers on the day of the Lansing announcement of an important statement affecting "economic conditions

in Europe."
Mr. Price said one of these telegrams went to Fred C. Aldrich, of Comments of the said of the said one of these telegrams with the said one of the Chicago, formerly connected with Finiey, Barrell and Co. of Chicago, brokers. It was later brought out that Mr.

Aldrich, whom Price said he advised in a friendly capacity, not knowing brokerage concern, was affiliated with Clement Curtis & Co. of Chicago,

of New York forecasting a peace move. And Hutton and Compa And Hutton and Company ers and was later reproached by Cur-tis & Co. for flashing confidentis & Co. for flashing confiden-tial information, according to Attor-

intimation that important statement from Department of State regarding economic conditions of Eu-ropean war and affecting neutrals and to promote peace prospe likely to become public late this

Telegram Signed "Childs."

The telegram was signed "Childs." which Price said was the name oc casionally used by him in telegraph

Price also telegraphed Finley, Barrell and Company, with whom he formed a connection when Aldrich was a member of the firm as fol-

"Am informed that State Departnent contemplates making public late this afternoon important statement European war and affecting neutrals, closer together

His Own Deduction.

Price said his telegram about the seace note represented his own deduc-Price said he violated no confidence and received the compensation of only

connections for giving them occasion

U. S. SEIZES APPAM

Revenue Cutter Trains Gun on German Prize.

NORFOLK, Va., Feb. 3.-U. S. ficials, consisting of a dozen repre-sentatives of the customs bureau and the Navy Department, today boarded the interned ship Appam, brought into port by a German prize crew. and formally took possession.

During the proceedings the United States revenue cutter Yamacraw moved up into position and trained her bow gun on the Appam. aboard is ex-

U-BOATS SINK TWO MORE

Dutch and British Ships Victims Ten of Crew Drown.

LONDON, Feb. 3 .- Two ships were officially reported victims today Germany's unlimited submaring order—the Dutch steamer Gamma and the British steamer Essonite. On the latter vassel ten of the crew

BERNSTORFF ASKS SWISS TO **ACT FOR HIM**

Dr. Ritter Takes Over Interests of Germany in United States.

"A PRIVATE CITIZEN" NOW

Kaiser's Envoy Says He No Longer Has Right to Speak for Government.

Switzerland has taken over Gernany's interests in the United States, Ambassador von Bernstorff an nounced today.

Bernstorff got into touch with Dr. Ritter, Swiss minister, as soon as he received the news of the break through the press.

At that time he had not yet been

officially notified. He made provisional arrangements with Dr. kitter to cover all immediate details.

Call on Lansing. Dr. Ritter will call upon Secretary

of State Lansing as soon as notificawith Lansing the details of his new To all questions this morning, Bern

"Please ask the Swiss minister. I am only a private citizen. I have no right to talk for my government now. "As a private citizen I have never desired to talk."

"His First Experience." When asked respecting the details

of his coming journey, and of the transfer of Germany's interests to Switzerland's minister, Bernstorff

"I don't know. This is the first ex-perience of this kind in my life, and the method of procedure, is therefore He jocularly suggested that "per-haps with so many ships kept in American ports" he would be sure to

have some boat take him home Calls On Bernstorff.

As soon as Dr. Ritter learned that Bernstorff had been inquiring for him at the Swiss legation, he immediately called at the German embassy and the ney Whipple.
Mr. Price's telegram, sent at 11:52
a. m., December 20, to Aldrich, read:

Whether Switzerland will take over

German interests in England and (Continued on Eleventh Page.)

TARNOWSKI SEES LANSING

Calls to Present His Credentials As Ambassador.

Count Tarnowski van Tarnow, the new Austrian ambassador, called on Secretary Lansing today to present his credentials. Up to that time no information had been received by this department to confirm the report that Austria was sending a note describ-ing Germany's new campaign of undersea frightfulness.

ambassador is understood to The bearing on economic situation of have had no definite information on this score to give Mr. Lansing. After object being to indirectly promote spending half an hour with the Sec peace prospect by bringing neutrals retary he went to the office of Assist ant Secretary of State Phillips.
Immediately after he left Mr. Lansing's

office the Spanish ambassador, Seno Riano, was escorted into Mr. Lansing's office. The two were closeted together for some time arranging among other things, it was finderstood, for the Spanish government to take over the American in terests in Berlin.

BATTERY B EN ROUTE HOME Leaves Douglas, Ariz., for Long

Trip. DOUGLAS, Ariz., Feb. 3 .- With a

sign inscribed with "Home, Sweet Home, Looks Good to Me!" on their car, the 112 enlisted men and six officers composing Battery B. Dis trict militia, left here for Washing son, commanding the battery, expects to reach Washington Tuesday Wednesday. The battery is expensed to reach and depart from El Paso,

INDIANA BACKS WILSON

Legislators With, President Whatever His Action May Be.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 3. Resolutions declaring "We are with President Wilson in whatever action he takes," in connection with the German crisis were adopted by the louse, of representatives of the Indiana legislature today. The sen-

Quickest Service To Baltimore Every Hour on the Hour. Baltimore & Ohio. \$1.75 round trip. Saturdays and Sundays, \$1.50.—Advt.

EVENTS ATTENDING BREAK WITH GERMANY

At 10:30-It was unofficially announced that President had notified Ambassador Gerard to ask for passports, that relations with Germany had been broken and that Bernstorff would be handed his passports at once.

At 11:45-Secretary of the Navy Daniels issued statement that all American navy yards, including the Washington yard, had been closed to all but identified Government employes. At 10:52-Fire was discovered in the warehouses of

the German transportation company at New Lon-don where the cargo for Deutschland was stored. The fire was extinguished without great damage. 11:20--State Department announces the United States has demanded immediate release of American prisoners taken in recent raids and now held in Germany.

At 11:30—Count Tarnowski, new Austrian ambas-ador, called at State Department to present his credentials which have not been accepted, pend-ing Austria's action in U-boat crisis. 12:15-American consuls in Germany were ordered

12:00—Stock market closed after short session. Market showed strong upward tendency at close.

At 12:15—Count von Bernstorff announced the Swiss minister, Dr. Ritter, will handle Germany's in-terests here. Spain will represent the United States in Germany.

At 12:29—Senator Thomas introduced resolution for \$500,000,000 bond issue for preparedness.

U. S. TO AID CITIZENS N. Y. MARKET BOOMS BOMB PLOT FEARED, TO LEAVE GERMANY FOLLOWING BREAK

Instructions Cabled to Gerard to Help Americans Who Want to Go.

Cabled instructions have been sent by the State Department to Ambas-Americans, who wish to leave, out of

government will give a period of grace of fifteen or thirty days in which the Americans may leave, sim-ilar to the action taken with refer-ence to other belligerents at the beginning of war. No particular steps have been taken

No particular steps have been taken to get Americans out of Austria, as afficial rasorts above that there are not more than thirty native Americans in all Austria. Ambassador Penfield has been kept advised of the situation. It is assumed at the State Department that these few Americans would be able to make their way a Switzerland without hindrance. to Switzerland without hindrance.
The three thousand Americans in Germany, present a more aerious problem, but indsmuch as there is a large number of Germans in America, it is assumed that reciprocal arit is assumed that reciprocal ar-rangements can be made to get them to neutral countries if they cannot

GUARD AGAINST BOMB PLOTS

State and Justice Departments Believed Ready to Act.

The State and Justice Departments are co-operating to guard against German bomb plots in this country This was the interpretation placed enthusiasm.

today on a brief conference between The general understanding in the Assistant Attorney General Warren Street was that Standard Oil and Morand Councelor Polk, of the State Department. Both refused to discuss the

departments were either on the trail ent that a break would come, of plots or were taking unusual pre that Gegman houses were selli

BRYAN SILENT ON BREAK

Was on Point of Talking When News of Breach Comes.

William Jennings Bryan arrived in Washington early this morning and announced his willingness to make a statement on the imminence of break with Germany. Newspaper men were gathered at the Hotel Lafayette, and Mr. Bryan was on the point of dictating his views when the word was flashed of the break in diplomatic relations. Mr. Bryan closed up like the pro verbial, clam, conceding, however, that be might have something to say later in the day. He is making a brief stop in Wash-ngton en route to Miami, Fla.

DEUTSCHLAND CARGO AFIRE

Flames Break Out at Pier Following News of Rupture.

NEW LONDON, Conn., Feb. 3 .- Part of the cargo intended for the German merchant submarine Deutschland, expected at this port momentarily, was destroyed today by fire which broke out in the combustible material at the ing the beats in which the embassies north end of the State pier, where the lie, cargo was stored, soon after word was received that diplomatic relations were to be severed with Germany. fire was extinguished with

BREAK ELECTRIFIES ARMY

Border Guard Flashes News to Pershing in Mexico.

ARMY BASE, COLUMBUS, N. M., Feb. 3.—(Censored)—The Army giant fleet now bottling the Germans camps diere were electrificed by the up in the Kell canal. news of the diplomatic break between If the submarine plans succeed in this country and Germany. A buldoing this, Germany's fleet may dash letin was flashed Generia Pershing out of the canal and in a last deson his northward march to the bor- perate fling engage with the

Unusual Patriotic Scenes Are No Visitors To Be Allowed in Enacted in Offices of Wall Street Brokers.

NEW YORK, Feb. 3 .- In a wonderturned upward and became a boom- ton Navy Yard closed to all visitors. ing war market today.

U. S. Steet Closed at 104, up 3% It was reported on the best of guard of marines from Washington authority in the Street that the big Yard to close the yard completely.

break with Germany spread, and navy. brokers jumped upon chairs in their their short sales.

Henry Clews, octogenarian mem-ber of the stock exchange was one of the speech-makers.
"I advise everybody in this house to cover," he said. "The United States is entering a period of tremendous prosperity. I've been through the civil war myself and I believe the United States to un-

Turns Upward With Rush. The market, which had broken one rush, advances ranging from one to ten noints amid a whirl of patriotic

Street was that Standard Oil and Mor gan interests joined in planning a big coup, one of the greatest in Wall It was assumed, however, that the Street history, when it became apparthat Gegman houses were selling in anticipation of cashing in on the expected decline. These interests sup spread through the Street stories pre dicting great railroad and industrial earnings should war come.

TO GUARD EMBASSIES

Pullman Says He Will Take Every Precaution.

"Every precaution will be taken hat is necessary to guard the emassies.

This was all Major Pullman would break with Germany would cause him carnest conversation with Clerk of to place any additional men around the Court John Young. the embassies of the belligerent na-

It is probable that Capt Charles Peck, of the Second precinct, and Capt. Daniel Sullivan, of the Third. will have the men doing duty in the vicinity of the diplomats' homes renight attempt to harm embassy at-

Since the outbreak of the war Major Pullman has had one policeman de-tailed at each of the belligerent em-bassies in addition to the men patrof-

FORESEE BIG NAVAL BATTLE U. S. Experts Predict German and

British Will Meet.

The biggest naval battle of history may be a direct result of Germany's new sea warfare, according to American naval experts' opinion today. They see in Germany's declaration

a battle, the experts say, ships. Such a battle, the experts say,
It was unofficially declared here would be the greatest the world has that certain preparatory orders as a ever known, and would tend to result of the diplomatic break have shorten up the war whichever way

NAVY YARD CLOSED

Station-Extra Guard Is Ordered.

ful demonstration of patriotic exhor- the breach of diplomatic relations tation and concerted pool action by with Germany, Secretary of the Navy big interests, the stock market was Daniels today ordered the Washing-At Secretary Daniels' order, Rear Admiral Glennon stationed an extra

German houses which have been selling short in anticipation of a break on news of the submarine crisis were caught by the upturn.

Breakers Jamp on Chairs.

American stage ar/mared in the street soon after the news of the break with Germany spread, and news of the submarine crisis which the Navy Yard is constructing in the James of the senate a resolution expressing it as the senate a resolution expressing it as the senate of the Senate that Congress should immediately appropriate 2500,000,000 for the national were taken for the purpose of preventing injury to the hight-lineh guins for this purpose will be introduced in the House later today.

Count von Bernstorff expects to break with Germany apread, and

The orders sent to Washington offices and made speeches to their Navy Yard were sent to commandants customers, advising all to cover of all navy yards and shore stations under the Navy Department's juris diction. In announcing his move, Secretary Daniels said:

No Visitors On Ships.

"We have issued instructions to all the yards to admit no one but employes. This applies to navy yards everywhere and is similar to the ac- Dr. Paul Ritter, the Swiss Minister tion which has been taken before in in Washington. The Spanish governtime of stress."

to five points, turned upward with a battleships of the American navy under today's order. The department fears that some crank, influenced by the German situation, might attempt to damage place of the contrary to expect

that every wireless station charted in government archives is now virtually under gov-Such wireless stations include Say ville, Tuckerton and all other great like wildfifire through official and diplo-German stations

ASKS NATURALIZATION

German-born Court Clerk Acts

Quick on News. Blonde hair on the Teutonic-looking ead of Fred Lehmann, nineteen-year-

old clerk in the Register of Wills' office, stood straight "on end" today as if electrified with the announcement, "Bernstorff given passports." "What?" exclaimed the young clerk may today, when asked whether the the room and around the corridor in

> "I was born in the German embassy nineteen years ago. I want to be-come a citizen," exclaimed the boy

Young Lehmann explained that he Capt. Daniel Sullivan, of the Third.

In whose territories the embassies lie, his father was employed as a clerk will have the men doing duty in the there. He explained that both he and vicinity of the diplomatic home. his father, Fred Lehmann, had de-ks who ferred from time to time the taking out of naturalization papers.
"I beat father to it," the boy said with pride as he was handed his first

papers. "He will be here the first thing Monday morning, I'm sure." Young Lehmann explained that all of his father's people were German born and that his uncle, his grand father and three of his cousins been killed while fighting for Ger

"He will be here the first

papers.

CENSOR NEW YORK PORT

Dudley Field Malone's Office Ready for Quick Action.

NEW YORK, Feb. 3.- The office o Collector of the Port Dudley Field Malone was under a veritable censorship immediately the news came from Washington of a break with Germany. Malone's secretary declared the situs tion was so grave that he would not discuss plans made to maintain neu-trality, or say whether the port would be sealed or the German ships in the harbor seized.

There were evidences that the col-ector's office was ready for quick

Wilson to Explain His Action in Severing Connections With Berlin.

NEWS SPREADS LIKE FLASH

Rumors That Other Neutrals Will Join U. S. in Its Course Gain Credence.

PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES

Fortifications, Munitions Plants and Coast Defenses Closed to Visitors.

Diplomatic relations between the United States and Germany were

James W. Gerard, United States ambassador to Germany, has been recalled, and passports have been hand-ed to Count von Bernsterff. President Wilson goes before Con-gress at 2 o'clock this afternoon to explain his action. It is understood

he will express the hope that

Fearing bomb plots as a result of break between the two countries will be breach of diplomatic relations not lead to war. If Germany rescinds its u-boat or der as affecting the United States, the break can speedily be pathed up. Anticipating that it might, however, Senator Thomas, of Colo an Administration leader, introduced

> ments can be made for his safe con duct out of the country. He wants to return to Germany, and is expected

to ask that the United States furnish a ship to transport him and his entire staff across the Atlantic.

ready turned over all German interests in this country to the care of ime of stress."

Wisitors also will be barred from all asked to take over American interests

Count Tarnowski, the new Austrian to damage plants or machinery.
While official announcement of actions, he did not present his credention by the Navy Department was absolutely refused, it became known just before non-that new campaign of submarine frightfulgovernment ness, had every reason to believe that relations between the United States and Austria will also soon be severed matic Washington. Representatives of neutral countries hurried to the State Department and a constant succession of them was received by Secre_ary Lansing. There are rumors affoat that other neutral nations will join with the United

> On Semi-War Basis Teh Navy Department went on a semi-war footing at 10:30 o'clock this morning when Secretary of the Navy Daniels announced that all the navy yards of the country would be closed

to all but employes. Similar action is expected to be excitedly. Like a flash he was out of taken by the War Department with the room and around the corridor in respect to the various coast forticarnest conversation with Clerk of fications and army reservations. Guards about the navy yard have

been doubled.
The Federal Government has also taken prompet steps to safe guard munition factories and port terminals from German spotters. As stant Attorney General Warren. of the Department of Justice, who has been placed in charge of the secret service agencies, handling this matter, conferred at length today with Counselor Polk of the State Department. Representatives of the American line notified the State Department

today that all sailings of the com-pany's steamships had been indedpany's steamship nitely postponed. Wilson Tells Lansing.

President called Secretary of State Lansing to the White House at 10:30 and informed him of his deci-

Lansing looked very grave and worn as he left the mansion and would make no comment. Bundled up to his ears in a long

heavy overcoat and further protected with a long white muffler, Lansing stepped off the White House portion lighted a cigarette, and walked slowly over to the State Department. Under his left arm, hugged tightly, was his historic brown leather port-

He was flanked rear, front, and

sides, by newspaper men, clamexcitedly, and entirely without the usual courtesy, for official word. As he reached the front of the White House executive offices still en route